PROTECTING YOUR HOME COMPUTER CAN BE SIMPLE, IF YOU FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

☑ **ENABLE PERSONAL FIREWALL**
  - This is essential for first line of defense against hackers and viruses
  - Stops direct attacks

☑ **ENABLE ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE**
  - Make sure you run this at least once a month

☑ **ENABLE SPYWARE PROTECTION**
  - Examples of spyware: Google Toolbar,$^©$ Weather Bug$^©$
  - Make sure to run spyware protection once a week

☑ **BROWSER PROTECTION**
  - Enable filtering; enable content advisor and lock it so that children can't change the settings
  - Watch out for questionable websites; visit secure sites

☑ **INSTANT MESSAGING (IM) SECURITY**
  - BE CAREFUL; you don't know who you are talking to
  - Avoid providing personal information over IMs

☑ **UPDATE ALL COMPONENTS ON YOUR COMPUTER**
  - Set your home computer to "auto update" for your operating system, antivirus software, spyware, and browser

☑ **CONSIDER ENCRYPTING YOUR INFORMATION**
  - Protect your data

☑ **ALWAYS SHRED YOUR PAPERS AND YOUR DATA**